

Recommendations and Problems

Monthly Reports for March 1960

MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

PROCESSING BRANCH

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The resignation of [REDACTED] leaves the Collection Section temporarily short one person. This seriously hampers efforts to forward CIA stocks to Records Center by 1 July 1960. Overtime will be utilized to accomplish this commitment.

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

In spite of heavy additional overtime during the month, the Division workload has become so great that it was necessary to turn down a long-range program of preparing 200 sketch maps for St/I. In addition, several requesters have been informed of delays from 1 week to 2 months in the completion of their work.

Another effect of the overload has been the slowing down of the compilation and drafting of city plans for DD/P. Since the chief bottleneck is in drafting, it is hoped that the requested increase in capability in this unit will help overcome this deficiency.

USSR-SATELLITES COMPILATION BRANCH

The Telecommunications Atlas will continue to monopolize the Branch until mid-April. Then the 11 NIS finals with May and June deadlines will take place. The Czechoslovakia measles-map and other anticipated [REDACTED] work, on top of the NIS commitments, will effectively prohibit any other new work until at least May.

SPECIAL SUPPORT BRANCH

The number of jobs from OSI and OCI is increasing considerably and running unusually high. Our total work load is too heavy for our unit.

DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION BRANCH

The overload and backlog of work in the Drafting Section continues to be the most pressing problem in the Branch. Even with regular overtime,

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CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION BRANCH (Cont'd)

(112 hours in March) the Section manages to barely keep abreast of priority jobs. As a result, series maps such as the Urban Project and NIS base maps are not being touched. No apparent solution to this problem is in sight.

GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

A staff study is underway which will make recommendations to the AD on the Division clerical problem.

NEAR EAST-AFRICA BRANCH

The clerical effort continues in an effort to keep the Branch above water on filing and the orderly arrangement of stacked books and pamphlets for which cataloging time is not available.

FAR EAST/PACIFIC BRANCH

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The reported enthusiastic reaction of [REDACTED] to the GM as a format for presenting geographic intelligence is, we feel, further evidence of the intrinsic value of the format. We continue to feel that the medium has a wide range of usefulness outside the circle of "high-level" recipients for whom it has been theoretically intended and that its use ought not be limited solely to topics that are considered to be of such critical national security significance that top-level officials would be actively and personally interested. Judicious dissemination of GM's, each on its own merits, would not, in our opinion, lessen the impact on top-level personnel of those few GM's dealing with critical national security problems on which they require specialized geographic intelligence.

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